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For: VIDEO DISTRIBUTION	)	
SYSTEM	)	

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## In The Specification

At page 20, line 21 and page 21, line 15, please change "Figure 9" to -- Figure 8 --.

At page 23, line 23, after "embodiment" please insert --, in addition to its function of scheduling and controlling the blanket transmission of data as described above, --.

## In The Claims

Please amend claims 17, 21 and 28 as follows:

17. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of blanket transmitting a plurality of movies is carried out by transmitting at least a portion of the movies in compressed-time format.